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# CCAP California Charter School Authorizers Conference

JUNE 22-24, 2022

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# CCAP JUNE 2022

## ONE PAGE SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, June 22, 2022

<b>8:00</b>	<b>PRECONFERENCE REGISTRATION</b> - GRAND BALLROOM FOYER
<b>9:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>CHARTER AUTHORIZING &amp; OVERSIGHT 101</b> - G GERSHWIN & C PORTER
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH - LAKESIDE
<b>1:00 - 5:00*</b>	<b>CONT. CHARTER AUTHORIZING &amp; OVERSIGHT 101</b> - G GERSHWIN & C PORTER
5:00	ADJOURN
<b>5:30 - 6:30</b>	<b>EARLY ARRIVALS MIXER</b> - GARDEN RETREAT APPETIZERS AND NO HOST BAR

**\*2:00 - 5:00**  
Special Invitation:  
Authorizer's  
Attorney's Meeting

### Thursday, June 23, 2022

7:30 - 9:00	LIGHT BREAKFAST - LAKESIDE REGISTRATION - G GERSHWIN & C PORTER
<b>9:00</b>	WELCOME <b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: LESSONS FROM A3</b> - G GERSHWIN & C PORTER
10:20 - 10:30	BREAK
<b>10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: HOT TOPICS IN CHARTER SCHOOLING AND CHARTER AUTHORIZING</b> - G GERSHWIN & C PORTER
11:30 - 1:00	NETWORKING LUNCH - LAKESIDE
<b>1:00 - 2:15</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS A</b> - 3 OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 3)
2:15 - 2:30	BREAK
<b>2:30 - 3:45</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS B</b> - 3 OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 4)
3:45 - 4:00	BREAK
<b>4:00 - 5:00</b>	<b>ROLE-ALIKE MEETINGS</b>
5:00	ADJOURN
5:30 - 6:30	NETWORKING RECEPTION - LAKESIDE

### Friday, June 24, 2022

7:30 - 8:30	NETWORKING BREAKFAST - LAKESIDE
<b>8:30 - 10:00</b>	<b>SKILLS SESSIONS</b> - 3 OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 5)
10:00 - 10:30	BREAK
<b>10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS C</b> - 3 OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 6)
11:30 - 12:30	LUNCH - LAKESIDE
<b>12:30 - 1:15</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: DISTRICT-CHARTER COLLABORATION, COMMUNITY INTEREST, AND STRATEGIC AUTHORIZING</b> - G GERSHWIN & C PORTER
<b>1:15 - 2:25</b>	<b>KEYNOTE PANEL: A LOOK AHEAD: THE FUTURE OF CHARTER AND CHARTER AUTHORIZING</b> - G GERSHWIN & C PORTER
2:25	WRAP-UP
2:30	ADJOURN

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## SESSIONS A

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 FROM 1:00 - 2:15 PM**

**G Gershwin  
& C Porter**

**OPTION 1:  
CASI SESSION - YOU ARE NOT ALONE: BALANCING OVERSIGHT AND  
SUPPORT ROLES IN AUTHORIZING**

This session will share options and examples of how authorizers can provide supports and resources to help authorized charter schools improve operations and results, without overstepping or compromising the oversight role. Areas will include overall academic improvement, services to student special populations, and charter school governance. Presented by the Charter Authorizer Support Initiative (CASI), funded by the California Department of Education (CDE) and implemented by CCAP and the Santa Clara COE.

**Presenters:**

**Mefula Fairley**, Director, Charter Schools Department, Santa Clara COE

**Michelle Johnson**, Associate Director, Charter Schools Department, Santa Clara COE

**Corey Loomis**, Charter Schools Director, Riverside COE; Former Board Member, CCAP

**David Patterson**, Board Trustee, Placer COE; Board President, CCAP

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**OPTION 2:  
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT: STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, CALENDAR, AND  
TIMELINES**

This session will provide a practical review of the specific state legal requirements and local processes, as well as the calendar and timelines, related to the financial oversight of charter schools.

**Presenters:**

**April Mitchell**, Assistant Director, Business Advisory Services, Los Angeles COE

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**OPTION 3:  
SPECIAL EDUCATION IN CHARTER SCHOOLS: STRUCTURES, OVERSIGHT,  
AND BEST PRACTICES**

California's system for delivering special education in charter schools features a choice for schools in being their own Local Education Agency or a school of the district for special education purposes, as well as options for belonging to a local Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) or an all-charter SELPA. Review the authorizer's role with respect to these variations, oversight best practices, and opportunities for authorizer-SELPA cooperation.

**Presenters:**

**Susan Park**, Manager, Office of Charter Schools, San Diego USD

**Ginese Quann**, Executive Director, El Dorado Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

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# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSIONS B

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 FROM 2:30 - 3:45 PM

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**OPTION 1:  
RED FLAGS & SIGNS OF FISCAL DISTRESS IN CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Charter schools typically do not fail due to their educational programs. The number one reason charter schools fail is lack of strong fiscal management. Review the characteristics of financially healthy charter schools, as well as an overview of the most common areas of fiscal mismanagement and red flags that should prompt a deeper review. Suitable alike for chief business officials and part-time authorizers without formal financial background.

**Presenters:**

**Michael Fine**, Chief Executive Officer, Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT)

**Brianna García**, Vice President, School Services of California (SSC); Board Member, CCAP  
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**OPTION 2:  
RECENT CHANGES IN CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOL LAW AND  
IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES**

Implementation of some of the major changes made to state charter school law before and during the pandemic has been delayed or has just started. Expected clarification of many of those changes through state regulations has stalled, leaving authorizers and their attorneys with many unanswered questions. Review some of these questions, possible answers, and implementation experience so far with experts in charter law and in authorizing.

**Presenters:**

**Sue Ann Salmon Evans**, Shareholder, Dannis Woliver Kelley Attorneys at Law

**William "Bill" Schuetz**, Shareholder, Dannis Woliver Kelley Attorneys at Law

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**OPTION 3:  
VERIFIED DATA AND ALTERNATIVE ACADEMIC MEASURES**

In November 2020 the State Board of Education published the list of assessments and post-secondary measures that can be used to evaluate charter schools that fall into the newly established middle and low tracks of academic performance for purposes of renewal. At the same time, important national initiatives and discussions have grappled with ways of more holistically and accurately reflecting the academic performance of charter schools, especially those that serve high concentrations of disadvantaged students. During a challenging time for data, hear how authorizers and charter schools can come to agreement in advance about what measures will be included in renewal decisions.

**Presenters:**

**Elizabeth Robitaille**, California Charter Schools Association (CCSA)

**Skyler Daviss**, California Charter Schools Association (CCSA)

**Naomi Rubin DeVeaux**, Partner, National Charter Schools Institute, A-GAME

**Corey Loomis**, Charter Schools Director, Riverside COE; Former Board Member, CCAP

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# SKILLS SESSIONS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 FROM 8:30 - 10:00 AM**

**G Gershwin  
& C Porter**

**OPTION 1:  
EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THE CCAP  
FINANCIAL TOOLKIT**

Deeper dive and hands-on workshop on understanding financial oversight of existing charter schools and using CCAP's Financial Performance Toolkit, developed in collaboration with WestEd and authorizers from across California. Suitable alike for chief business officials and part-time authorizers without formal financial background.

**Presenters:**

**Michelle Giacomini**, Deputy Executive Officer, Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT)

**Debi Deal**, former Intervention Specialist, Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT); Treasurer, CCAP

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**OPTION 2:  
REVIEW OF PETITIONS FOR NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THE CCAP  
INITIAL CHARTER PETITION TOOLKIT**

Hands-on workshop on process for reviewing and making recommendations and decisions on petitions for new charter schools, recent changes in the law on charter petitions, and using CCAP's Initial Charter Petition Toolkit, developed in collaboration with WestEd and authorizers from across California.

**Presenters:**

**Tom Hutton**, Executive Director, CCAP

**Cathie Morris**, Charter School Consultant, Kern County Superintendent of Schools

**Felicia Olais**, Manager, Charter Office, Fresno USD

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**OPTION 3:  
CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZING AND OVERSIGHT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS**

An overview of charter school law and processes, specifically focusing on what school and county board members need to fulfill their responsibilities and special challenges they face. This session is for board members as well as superintendents and authorizing staff that support boards in making high quality, data-driven decisions.

**Presenters:**

**Yvonne Chan**, Member, Los Angeles County Board of Education; founder, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center

**Indra Ciccarelli**, Director, Charter Schools Office, Los Angeles COE

**John Yeh**, Partner, Burke, Williams & Sorenson, LLP

**David Patterson**, Board Trustee, Placer COE; Board President, CCAP

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# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## SESSIONS C

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 FROM 10:30 - 11:30 AM**

**G Gershwin  
& C Porter**

### **OPTION 1:**

#### **THE AUTHORIZER'S ROLE IN ENSURING CHARTER SCHOOLS MEET THE NEEDS OF ENGLISH LEARNERS**

California charter schools present a paradox when it comes to English learner (EL) students: EL students are statistically under-enrolled in charters relative to other public schools, but as a group, those in charters tend to achieve better overall academic outcomes. Review the implied challenges and opportunities for authorizing, including the school plan for racial and ethnic balance, barriers to enrollment, engagement of EL families, serving ELL students with equity, and integrated EL instructional support.

#### **Presenters:**

**Richard Urias**, Principal, Oxnard High School, Oxnard Union HSD; Board Member, CCAP; former Director of Charter School Support and Oversight, Ventura COE

**Joseph Escobedo**, Board Member, National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA); Senior Director Charter Schools, Albuquerque Public Schools

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### **OPTION 2:**

#### **OVERSIGHT CHALLENGES WITH HYBRID AND NON-CLASSROOM BASED SCHOOLS**

As the state considers what the future will look like after the end of the temporary moratorium on new nonclassroom based schools, discuss the challenges that arise for authorizers between the innovations that these schools and "hybrid" schools can offer and their potential shortcomings and related policy issues.

#### **Presenters:**

**Indra Ciccarelli**, Director, Charter Schools Office, Los Angeles COE

**Nesha Pattison**, Director of Charter Services, Acton-Agua Dulce USD

**Matt Wunder**, Co-Founder, CEO, and Superintendent Da Vinci Schools

**Alex Medler**, Executive Director, Colorado Association of Charter Schools Authorizers

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### **OPTION 3:**

#### **AUTHORIZERS, VOICE YOUR THOUGHTS! NEW AND PENDING LEGISLATION AND EMERGING ISSUES**

Listening session for authorizers to share perspectives with one another about new and pending legislative changes and proposals, emerging issues in California authorizing, and suggestions for policy changes you wish state policy-makers would consider. Especially valuable for experienced authorizers.

#### **Presenters:**

**David Patterson**, Board Trustee, Placer COE; Board President, CCAP

**José Cole-Gutiérrez**, Director, Charter Schools Division, Los Angeles USD

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# MEET THE BOARD

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